

*Approved 11/17/21*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday November 8, 2021 4:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, and Town Administrator Jen Rand

**Also present for part or all of the meeting:** Greg Pachico, Tara Whiting-Wells, Susan Silk, Matt Gebo, Rich Saltzberg, Louisa Hufstader, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

Chair Skipper Manter called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

**Minutes:** Vote to Approve: November 3, 2021

The Minutes had not been completed in time for the Board to read them. Postponed until next meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Request for Access to Facilities Funds for WT School Projects:**

This item was postponed as the folks requesting were unable to attend.

- **Fire Chief Letter to Taxpayers regarding Access for Fire Equipment:**

Greg explained the issues that the Fire Department were running into regarding access to some driveways which have become very over grown. The letter would remind taxpayers to prune and also have their address signs visible. He also mentioned that he would eventually like to change or refine the wording of the town bylaw regarding signage and access.

*Cindy moved to allow Chief Pachico to include a letter in the next tax mailing. Skipper seconded.  
Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)*

- **Board of Health Access to Counsel regarding Livestock Burial Regulations:**

No real discussion.

*Cindy moved to allow Board of Health Access to Counsel. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)*

- **State Ethics Commission re: Appointments:**

Jen explained the letter they had received from the State. She has met with council and they are working on disclosures that some appointed board members will need to do. No action taken.

- **Serving Hands Food Distribution:**

They are requesting to use the Ag Hall with the same procedures as before on November 19th. It has been OKed by the MV Commission already but the West Tisbury Conservation Commission has not yet had a chance to vote.

*Cindy moved to allow Serving Hands Food Distribution at the Ag Hall on November 19th. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)*

- **Discussion of Open Select Board Seat:** Skipper pushed this item to the end of meeting after all other business was taken care of.

**Topics Not Anticipated:**

There were none but Skipper reminded everyone that next week was Special Town Meeting on Tuesday at the West Tisbury School, 7 pm.

**Old Business:**

- **Howes House Feasibility Study**

They have received a bid and the company wants to meet. Jen will set something up and pick a date for the committee to meet with the rep from Keenan and Kenny.

**Correspondence:**

- **Fire Chief Letter:**

This item will be on the next agenda

- **Letter of resignation for Special police Officer Roshawn Groce**

The Board did not need to take any action, just send the letter on to the Town Clerk.

**Public Comment:**

Susan Silk asked if there were any open positions for employees that needed to be replaced after the vaccination policy went into effect. There were none. The few employees that had issues were being accommodated by their supervisors.

**Return to New Business:**

- **Discussion of Open Select Board Seat:**

Town Clerk Tara Whiting-Wells explained the choices. The Board can choose to leave the seat vacant until the regular spring election, they can hold a Special Election, but the soonest it could happen is January, or, there could be a Citizens Petition with 200 verified signatures to call for an election which would still not happen until January. Skipper wants to take the topic under advisement and have some more time to consider. Jen advocated for waiting till spring for the election. She feels that being a member of the Select Board is a big decision and she would like to see people given more time to consider. She knows there will be challenges with only 2 Board members but feels waiting is the better choice. After more discussion they decided to take the topic up again at the next meeting.

*With no further business to attend to Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Skipper seconded.*

*Roll Call vote: All in favor. (2-0-0)*

*Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*